

**County of San Bernardino
Department of Economic and Community Development
2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2003-2004 Action Plan
Annual Performance Review**

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA. The purpose of the hearing is to review the County's accomplishments during the past fiscal year relating to the County's 2000-05 Consolidated Plan.

BACKGROUND

Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In 2002, the County renewed its authority to receive funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs during fiscal years 2003, 2004 and 2005. The CDBG funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and thirteen (13) cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium."

In addition to these cities, the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, and Rialto were approved by HUD to participate in the County's HOME Program Consortium.

In 1995, HUD combined the HOME, ESG, and CDBG programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using these three grant programs over a five-year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. The County adopted its new five-year Consolidated Plan on April 18, 2000. That Plan covers fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05. To receive the 2003-04 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepared an Action Plan to address the housing, homeless, economic development, and community development strategies of the Consolidated Plan. The 2000-05 Consolidated Plan and 2003-04 Action Plan was submitted to HUD on May 30, 2003 for funding approval. During the past fiscal year that began on July 1, 2003 and ended on June 30, 2004, the County carried out the Action Plan, as part of the five-year Consolidated Plan, through a wide variety of grant funded construction, public service, housing and economic development, and homeless assistance activities.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

At the end of each September, the County submits detailed reports to HUD covering the past year's activities, accomplishments, and expenditures. The County combines the annual HOME, ESG, and CDBG reports into a single Consolidated Plan Annual Performance Report (CAPER) pursuant to HUD Consolidated Plan regulations. At the public hearing, staff from the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) will present the County's 2003-04 Annual Performance Review (APR) and receive citizen's comments. The APR will summarize the County's performance and accomplishments in carrying out programs and projects to meet the various goals and strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

For a period of fifteen (15) days beginning on August 30, 2004 and ending on September 13, 2004, the public is invited to submit written comments on the Annual Performance Review. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. September 13, 2004 cannot be considered in the preparation of the Annual Performance Report to HUD. Send comments to County ECD at the address shown below. A draft copy of the APR will be available for public review during the public comment period, at this ECD address.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on the Annual Performance Review may be present and be heard at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing regarding this proposal. You may make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

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